

Remarks:

Claims 1 and 2 are presented as amended in response to the Office Action. The amendments to claims 1 and 2 change the phrase “status characterization” to the phrase “status classification,” which replacement phrase finds antecedent in the first line of each claim.

The amendments to the summary of the invention portion of the specification are initiated by applicants to conform the language of the summary of the invention to that of the amended claims and the rest of the specification as filed.

The removal of the title from the page containing the abstract is responsive to the Office Action.

Note: Examiner’s requirement for amendment of the **abstract of the disclosure** to conform to MPEP 608.01(b) was accompanied by a reference to MPEP 608.01(d) on the unrelated subject of the **summary of the invention** and a statement that “The summary of the invention should not be a copy of the claim.” Applicants assume that the clause referring to MPEP 608.01(d) and the statement were erroneously pasted into the Office Action in place of that referring to MPEP 608.01(b) and that the Examiner did not intend to object to applicants’ summary of the invention as being a copy of the claim.

Respectfully submitted,



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